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	TOPIC <u>Entraining of Troops from the Rathenow and Magdeburg Posts</u>			
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1. Beginning at 7 a.m. on 4 May 1954, 32 x 160-mm mortars, about 15 x 76.2-mm infantry guns, 90 trucks, 7 field kitchens, 8 repair shop trucks, 2 radio trucks, 4 jeeps and 4 sedans 25X1 were entrained at the Rathenow railroad station. At 9 a.m. on 5 May, 24 trucks, 2 field kitchens, 2 sedans, 25X1 and 3 sidecar motorcycles from Kraftfahrer Kaserne (5443) were entrained. On 5 May, the Kraftfahrer Kaserne was occupied by about 80 troops and the Infanterie Kaserne (5441) by about 60 troops. 1
2. On 3 May, the following troops and materiel from Seeckt Kaserne (5287), Magdeburg, were entrained at the Brueckfeld (Friedrichstadt) railroad station: an undetermined number of troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets on 21 boxcars, 8 TMP-type pontoons, beams and boards on 36 flatcars and 8 track-laying vehicles on 4 SSy-type flatcars. The train left toward Biederitz at 7:40 p.m. The bulk of the units stationed in Seeckt Kaserne was probably entrained on 4 May. On 5 May, the installation was occupied by only a rear detail. 2
3. On 31 April, the Herrenkrug Kaserne (5283) in Magdeburg was occupied by about 1,500 troops; after 3 May, by about 1,100 troops and, after 7 May, by about 900 troops. Troops and materiel from the installation entrained at the Brueckfeld railroad station included:
 

3 May. Between 9 a.m. and noon, 24 T-34 tanks on 12 SSy-type flatcars; 16 trucks on 16 flatcars and troops on 4 boxcars.

4 May. At 11:30 p.m., 6 rocket launchers, presumably M-13s, and 12 trucks on 18 flatcars; and troops on 8 boxcars. The train left toward Biederitz at 0:50 a.m. on 5 May.

5 May. Seven T-34 tanks on 4 SSy-type flatcars. The train left at noon.

The occupation of Anger Kaserne (5284), Magdeburg, decreased from 1,200 troops on 30 April to about 300 troops on 7 May and the occupation of Nachrichten Kaserne (5286), Magdeburg, decreased from about 1,000 troops on 3 May to about 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets on 6 May. 3

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4. The occupation of Flak Kaserne (5282), Magdeburg, decreased from about 1,200 troops on 3 May to about 600 troops wearing red-bordered epaulets on 6 May. The following troops and materiel from the installation had been entrained at the Brueckfeld railroad station on 4 and 5 May:

4 May. Four 100-mm AT guns, 5 armored half-track vehicles, and 23 trucks on 4 SSy-type flatcars and 24 flatcars; and troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets on 8 boxcars.

5 May. Ten trucks, 2 sedans, 1 radio truck and 23 x 37-mm AA guns on 35 flatcars; and troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets on 8 boxcars. The train left toward Biederitz, presumably for Altengrabow, at 12:40 p.m. 4

- 25X1 1. [ ] Comment. According to weapons observed, units of the 65th Mort Brig (US) were entrained, thus continuing the transfer to the Altengrabow troop training grounds of units of the 6th Arty Div. [ ] 25X1
- 25X1 shipments [ ] went from Rathenow to Altengrabow between 3 and 5 May.
- 25X1 2. [ ] Comment. On 21 April, two shipments of equipment of the 36th Pan Bridge Regt of the GOCG had already been dispatched, presumably to the area southeast of Rossau. [ ] 25X1
- 25X1 The bulk of the regiment is fairly definitely believed to have followed in early May for summer training in this area.
- 25X1 3. [ ] Comment. Units of the 19th Gds Mech Div left their known quarters prior to 5 May, probably for the summer camp in the south section of Letzling Heath. Motorized elements of the division are believed to have left by road, while track-laying vehicles and heavy weapons transferred by rail. The rocket launchers are rather safely believed to belong to the unidentified Gds RL Bn of the division which, thus, is confirmed until 4 May. The strength figures of the Herrenkrug Kaserne and the Nachrichten Kaserne on 6 and 7 May indicate that additional troops of the division will be transferred.
- 25X1 4. [ ] Comment. The units entrained on 4 May are rather safely believed to have been elements of the unidentified Hv AT Arty Regt of the 20th Army Arty Brig (US). Other units of the brigade transferred from Brandenburg to Altengrabow on 3 and 4 May. [ ] 25X1
- On 5 May, a light regiment of the 3d Gds AAA Div was probably entrained, possibly for Altengrabow or Letzling Heath.

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